

St. Andrew's Times

December 2023

ST ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

102 LOWER MARKET STREET; MILTON, PA 17847

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The Lord Turns Our Darkness Into Light.

A guiding lighthouse and saving station to our Community, Nation, and World!



MISSION STATEMENT: "To know Jesus Christ and to make Him known as Savior and Lord"

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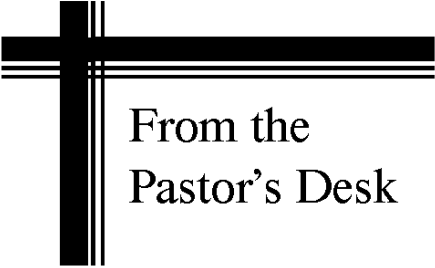
A Christmas Story

Scripture Reading



- Day 1: Micah 5:2
- Day 2: Isaiah 7:14
- Day 3: Psalm 72:9-11
- Day 4: Jeremiah 31:15
- Day 5: Numbers 24:17
- Day 6: Isaiah 11:1-2
- Day 7: Luke 1:26-28
- Day 8: Luke 1:29-31
- Day 9: Luke 1:32-33
- Day 10: Luke 1:34-35
- Day 11: Luke 1:37-38
- Day 12: Luke 1:46-48
- Day 13: Luke 1:49-50
- Day 14: Luke 1:51-52
- Day 15: Luke 1:53-55
- Day 16: Luke 1:67-69
- Day 17: Luke 2:7
- Day 18: Luke 2:8-9
- Day 19: Luke 2:10-11
- Day 20: Luke 2:13-14
- Day 21: Luke 2:29-32
- Day 22: Luke 2:33-35
- Day 23: Matthew 2:1-2
- Day 24: Matthew 2:10-11
- Day 25: Matthew 2:16-18
- Day 26: John 1:1
- Day 27: John 1:4-5
- Day 28: John 1:14
- Day 29: John 1:15-16
- Day 30: 1 John 5:1
- Day 31: Romans 8:2-3

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From the Pastor's Desk

For many of us, Christmas is a season of great joy. A time in which our spirits are lifted by all the sights, sounds, expectations, and memories that accompany this most magical of seasons. It is a time in which we reflect upon and celebrate the many gifts that God has graced us with. Chief among these, of course, are the priceless gifts of divine love, grace and redemption that God gave us in Jesus Christ, when “the Word became flesh and lived and dwelt among us.”

Christmas is also a time for appreciating the precious gifts of family and friends. While the boom and sizzle of all the lights, decorations, gifts and special events may be what grabs the lion's share of our attention, in the long run it's the quiet joy of being able to spend time with our loved ones that most satisfies and nurtures our spirits. Take away the homecomings, the family reunions, the friendly get-togethers, and shared traditions, and Christmas wouldn't seem nearly as special or magical.

The holiday joy we experience in the presence of those we love (or the sorrow we feel in their absence) is a powerful reminder that of all the amazing gifts God has given us, loving relationships are among the most precious. Regardless of what presents await us beneath the tree, God has already given us something far greater by giving us each other.

The fact that our celebration of Jesus' birth heightens our sense of appreciation of the people in our lives is only fitting. After all, when the Word became flesh, He chose to be become part of a human family. In the Incarnation, God opted to become a part of the intricate dance of human relationships involving moms and dads, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, grandparents and cousins. By His birth, Jesus demonstrated that our human relationships are sacred trusts, to be treasured and cherished.

So, this December, I would encourage you to seize the opportunity to reflect again upon the great gifts He has given you, in both the person of Jesus and in those special persons He's placed your life. Treasure them as the blessings they are and cherish the time you have been given to share with each other. And as you do,

May you abound in the peace and grace that flow from the wounds of the Prince of Peace.

May the light of God that in Christ has come into the world illuminate you.

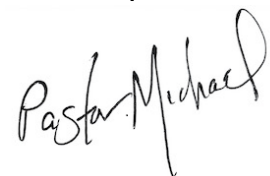
May it lead you, as it led the shepherds of old, until you come to a place of peace.

May it shine upon you and fill you with wisdom and grace, mercy and love.

May it remain with you and defend you, even when darkness falls.

May it be your guide, your companion, your strength, and your source of hope.

In the light of Christ's light, may you find light, life, and love.



Panther Packs Ministry

Merry Christmas to all. The famous Panther Packs scripture calendars are on sale once again. These are very nice for writing appointments and special items on as reminders. The cost is \$8 each. Get them while we still have some. They are going fast.

Also, thank you to those that donated to our November food drive. It was great.

We are now serving 250 students each week.

Here are the packing details for next five months packing:

Month	# of Wks.	Prepack (1:00)	Set Up (1:00)	Packing (6:00)	School Pick Ups
January	4	12/19/2023	1/2/2024	1/3/2024	1/4, 11, 18, 23
February	5	1/23/2024	1/30/2024	1/31/2024	2/1, 8, 15, 22, 29
March	4	2/27/2024	3/5/2024	3/6/2024	3/7, 14, 21, 26
April	4	3/26/2024	4/2/2024	4/3/2024	4/4, 11, 18, 23
May	5	4/23/2024	4/30/2024	5/1/2024	5/2, 9, 16, 23, 28

Come and join in on the fun.

We are still looking for individuals, who can be in a monthly rotation, to meet the school representative to load the bins into his van. This is weekly, usually on Thursday (For example: see "School Pick Up" dates on schedule above). This takes about 15 to 20 minutes You must be able to lift approximately 25 pounds. If you can help with this, please see Dave Miller.

Panther Packs, showing the love of Christ through one meal at a time.

Panther Packs Committee

ANNIVERSARIES

DUGAN, BUD & PEGGY	5	MUSSER, MELISSA & JARED	21
MITCH, TIA & MATTHEW	10	LLOYD, LAWRENCE & BONNIE	25
WEAVER, JIM & JANE	12	DICK, JONATHAN & LARA	27
ZEAGER, JOE & JASMINE	13	NEUER, JAMES & BONNIE	28

BIRTHDAYS

SHIRLEY COUP	1	RUSS HULSIZER	17
HOLLY SOLOMON	1	DEBRA PAGE	17
ZELDA STEWART	1	DONALD YOUNT	17
BOB ZARTMAN	1	LOIS CAMERON	19
CODY LYTLE	3	PATSY HOLLENBACH	19
LUCILLE BROWN	4	KIM SCHRADER	19
CAROL LAYTON	4	SUSAN KREBS	20
ISABELLE BURD	5	MICHAEL LEON	20
SHYHEED FLUKE	5	OWEN MCMANUS	20
BARBARA SMITH	5	JAWANA MEADE	20
NANCY FAWCETT	6	WAYNE CROMLEY	21
DORIS SHADE	8	BRYAN HOLMES	22
KERRY TILFORD	8	SUSAN MILLER	22
JOSHUA BROWN	9	ADAM TAYLOR	22
TYLER NOAKER	9	TREVOR LEON	23
JANET HIPPENSTEEL	10	ANGELA PAGE	25
RICHARD McSWAIN	10	SHEILA EVANS	26
DALE STAHLNECKER	11	MICHAEL SNYDER	26
BRIDGET KILGUS	12	CASSIE FETZER	27
IAN MILLER	12	SANDY BAKER	28
JESSICA SNYDER	12	LARA DICK	28
CONNIE HANS	14	BETTY LONG	28
PATRICK FAWESS	15	DANIEL WEAVER	29
ISABEL KOCHER	15	BRANDON STOKES	30
NICHOLAS SHIVELY	15	WARD WALTER	30
PEGGY CRAVATT	16	BRYANNA WANDS	31

December

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 1pm - Hanging of the Greens
3 Crismons Sunday 10am Children's Choir Practice *Fellowship Meal after church*	4 4:00-4:45pm Community Harvest **NEW TIME**	5 1:00pm Panther Packs Set-Up 6:00pm Worship Mtg 6:00pm Noah's Ark Board Mtg	6 6:00pm Panther Packs 7:00pm Adult Choir	7	8	9 10am-6pm Kitchen, Social Hall and Gym In Use
10 10am Children's Choir Practice 1-5pm Kitchen, Social Hall & Gym In Use	11 4:00-4:45pm Community Harvest	12 7pm Trustee Mtg	13 7:00pm Adult Choir	14 6pm Girl Scouts	15	16 All Day - Kitchen, Social Hall In Use
17 10am Children's Choir Practice Children's Party during church 6-8pm Christmas Sing-Along w/ refreshments after	18 4:00-4:45pm Community Harvest	19	20 Newsletter Article Deadline	21 6pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir	22	23 All Day - Kitchen, Social Hall In Use
24 10am Children's Choir Practice 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27 9am Mail Newsletter	28 7:15pm Adult Choir	29	30
31 10am Children's Choir Practice	Email: saumc@ptd.net Website: saumcmilton.org Facebook: facebook.com/standrewsumcmilton					

Notes:

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Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 8:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday, Thursday – Please Call First
 Church Office: 570-742-2000 ext. 300
 Noah's Ark: 570-742-8951

preparing for Christmas

Poinsettia Orders due by November 26th
Forms on back windowsill

Hanging of the Greens
Saturday, December 2nd @ 1pm

Hanging of Chrismon's
Sunday, December 3rd during Service

Caroling to Shut-In's
Church invited to join the youth group
after church Sunday, December 10th

Christmas Sing-Along
Sunday, December 17th @ 6pm
Refreshments following in Social Hall

Mitten Tree
Help a Milton School District Student
Items needed by Sunday, December 17th



JOIN US FOR A
Community
CHRISTMAS
Sing-Along
DECEMBER 17, 2023 | 6PM

ST. ANDREWS UMC
102 LOWER MARKET ST.
MILTON, PA 17847

Come celebrate the Christmas season with a night
of music and fellowship! Light refreshments will
follow. All are welcome!



**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**
CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24 | 7:00 PM

Upholding our Members in Prayer

In keeping with HIPPA privacy regulations, we list only the names of
Members and active Attendees who agree to be listed.

Please help us keep the list updated with additions, removals

and any corrections by contacting the church office. Thank You!



Julie Blanton	Jane Lentz	Michael S. Royer
Pastor Mark Brumbach	Lisa McManus	Bonnie Rute & Family
Randy Coup	Richard & Gloria McSwain	Dale & Lou Ann Sheets
Diane Delcamp	Terry Mathias	Fred Simon
Jeff Diggan	Aaron Merwin	Sylvia Smith
Ruth Eisley	Gary Mitchell	Glenn & Ida Snyder
Larry Emery	Devynn Napp-Barker	Marion Steese
Linda Emery	Julie Neilson	Pastor Michael Stine
David Everitt (Navy)	Sean Neilson (Navy)	Sharon Wert
Marlene Fama	Edith Noaker	Kathy & Gary Wieand
Peggy Fullmer	Helen Phillips	Richard Winter
Don & Nancy Geiger	Judy Pursell	Shirley "Sis" Yocum
Sylvia Hendricks	Fred Ranck	Emma Zeager & Family
Denise Larsen	Robert Riehl	Elizabeth Zerbe
Janet Lee		

Celebration Villa (Lewisburg) - Shirley Wilver

Milton N&R - Mary Scholl, Lois Wagner, Ward Walter

Riverwoods - Nancy Stahlnecker, Edna Walter

Watson town N&R - Peg Cravatt, Betty Lou Hillsey, Lucille Zellers

Missionaries we support and their missions.

Red Bird Mission

James and Bernice Keech – Board of Global Missions

Sierra Leone Initiative: Partner Church

– Zimmi United Methodist and Pastor Dominic Kanu

Dr. Christiana Hena and her ministry with Healthy Women/Healthy Liberia.

Prayer Chain - Please Call:

Mercy Gray - 570-701-7948

Edith Noaker - 570-742-4756

Changes to printed list should be given to the office

Members Recently Lost: Gary Rute - 10/19/23



Lisa Derr - 10/24/23

Corey Wert - 10/30/23

Welcome New Member: Dorothyellen Orlando

VOLUNTEERS SERVING — December 2023

Ushers

Larry Lloyd, Chief	
Steve Bennage	Debbie Haulman
Rich Neilson	Nate Richie
Dennis Delcamp	Robert Snyder

Altar Stewards

Jessica & Jeff Ritenour

GREETERS

3	Terry & Mona Napp
10	Steve Bennage
17	Cody & Krissy Lytle
24	Debbie Haulman
31	Mercy Gray



LOVE PATROL

3	Mary Richie & Dan Baker
10	Lisa McManus & Frank Stitely
17	Leslie Porter & Jim Neuer
24	Sandee Stitely & Barry Bowers, Jr.
31	Krissy Lytle & Sam Haulman

Financial Stewards

Mona Napp & Shirley Coup

ACOLYTES

3	Alivia Ritenour
10	Kinlee Lytle
17	Irene Dick
24	AM - Layla Richie
	PM - Gerald/Helen Wertz
31	Nelson Wertz

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

3	Danielle Kraus & Logan Coney
10	Crystal Wertz & Leslie Porter
17	Nathan Richie & Debbie Haulman
24	No Children's Church
31	Deb Fox & Alivia Ritenour

Children's Christmas Party



**Sunday, December 17th
During Church**

**We will be in the
Social Hall and Gym**

**Craft, Christmas Story, Games,
Snack and Songs**



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Date:	Details:	Time:
Dec. 3	Youth Group	6-8pm
Dec. 10	Caroling to Shut-Ins	TBA
Dec. 17	Christmas Sing-Along	6-8pm
Dec. 24	No Youth	
Dec. 31	No Youth	

****Safe
Sanctuary
Approved**

**Get
CONNECTED**

<https://www.remind.com/join/9228b7>

Financial Picture

<i>2023</i>	<i>October 2023</i>	<i>Year-to-date totals</i>
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Budgeted	23,953.69	239,536.82
Receipts (Includes loan from Capital Imp. account)	21,914.04	211,012.37
Expenditures	17,993.68	215,017.91
<u>MISSION</u>		
Budgeted	4,373.95	43,739.41
Receipts	2,787.75	32,330.19
Expenditures	3,265.63	39,706.46
<u>FAITH PROMISE</u> (non-budget)		
Receipts	70.00	1,170.00
Expenditures	280.00	2,159.00
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</u>		
Budgeted	0.00	0.00
Receipts	3.51	1,788.68
Expenditures (Loan to current fund)	0.00	10,000.00
<u>TRUSTEE</u>		
Budgeted	3,341.64	33,416.72
Receipts	602.01	10,358.95
Expenditures	2,890.18	34,322.63
Rally Day Receipt. (non-budget)	0.00	255.00
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
Budgeted	595.83	5,958.34
Receipts	488.26	4,461.71
Expenditures	415.69	4,005.00
Total Budget	32,265.11	322,651.29
Total Receipts	25,865.57	261,121.90
Total Expenditures	24,845.18	305,211.00